The following joint communication, dated 27 March 1985, has been received from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand and the Permanent Mission of Canada with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

GATT document L/5767 contains a communication from the Permanent Mission of Canada concerning action under GATT Article XIX in respect of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and veal.

The Government of New Zealand notified the Permanent Mission of Canada in Geneva that it wished to enter into consultations with Canada pursuant to Article XIX and this was agreed.

New Zealand and Canada have agreed that their reciprocal rights and obligations under the General Agreement will be maintained and for this purpose have agreed that the ninety-day period set forth in Article XIX:3(a) shall be considered to expire on 30 June 1985.